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Hon. Katherine Polk Failla
United States District Court for the
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: *U.S. v. Haxhaj, et al., (Francisco Ortega)*
Case No.: 21 Cr. 17 (KPF)

MEMO ENDORSED

Dear Judge Failla,

I was assigned, pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, to represent Francisco Ortega in the above referenced matter. I write to respectfully request appointment of Joshua Lax and Michael Giordano as associate counsels in this case, *nunc pro tunc* to 3/25/2021. The associates would continue to assist me with communicating with the client, reviewing discovery in this case, drafting legal submissions, and prepping for trial. I further request that the associate counsels be compensated at the CJA presumptive rate of \$110/hour.

I thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Louis V. Fasulo
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Application GRANTED. The Court hereby ORDERS the appointment of Joshua Lax and Michael Giordano as associate CJA counsel to Defendant Francisco Ortega at a rate of \$110.00 per hour.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the pending motion at docket number 191.

Dated: July 17, 2023
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Katherine Polk Failla".

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE